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April 15, 2008

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR FY 2007-08
GENERAL RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(ALL DISTRICTS - 4 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

The General Relief (GR) Program is a County-funded program that provides temporary cash aid to indigent adults and certain sponsored legal immigrant families who are ineligible for federal or State programs. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 expenditures are projected to exceed the budgeted level by \$1.8 million.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment for the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) FY 2007-08 GR assistance program in the amount of \$1.8 million. Approval of this Appropriation Adjustment will allow DPSS to continue to provide assistance payments to the County's GR program participants.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

There has been a significant increase in caseload. The budgeted number of aided cases for FY 2007-08 is 722,093 (a monthly average of 60,174), a 2.7% increase from the FY 2006-07 actual caseload. With eight months of actual data, the Department has revised the caseload projection to 736,816 (a monthly average of 61,401), an increase of 4.8% from the FY 2006-07 actual caseload.

# IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended action is consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan: Goal #1 Service Excellence: Provide the public with easy access to quality information and

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services that are both beneficial and responsive and Goal #3 Organizational Effectiveness: Ensure that service delivery systems are efficient, effective, and goal-oriented.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The FY 2007-08 Adopted Budget reflects appropriation for GR of \$154,795,000. Due to higher expenditures resulting from increasing caseloads, the current GR budget requires an appropriation of \$156,595,000. Therefore, an appropriation increase of \$1.8 million is needed to provide cash benefits to eligible GR participants for the remainder of the fiscal year. The \$1.8 million increase will be offset by \$1.8 million from over-realized prior year revenue in the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) budget.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The General Relief program is mandated by the California Welfare & Institutions Code section 17000, and the Los Angeles County Code, Title 2 - Administration, Chapter 2.102 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

Approval of the appropriation increase will be used to continue providing assistance payments to the County's GR program participants for the remainder of FY 2007-08.

#### CONCLUSION

The Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one adopted, stamped Board letter to the Director of DPSS.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA Chief Executive Officer

WTF:SRH:MS GP:JB:cvb Attachment

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Final GR Assistance Program Board Letter.doc

## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

# REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT No. 140

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

April 15 2008

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION. ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2007-08

4-Votes /

SOURCES:

SS-PSS-IHSS A01-SS-90-9001-26300-26410 FEDERAL-OTHER \$1,800,000 INCREASE REVENUE

USES:

SS-PSS-INDIGENT AID A01-SS-5500-26300-26460 OTHER CHARGES \$1,800,000 INCREASE APPROPRIATION

#### JUSTIFICATION:

THIS BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IS NECESSARY TO REFLECT THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION NEEDED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE GRANT PAYMENTS UNDER THE GENERAL RELIEF (GR) PROGRAM WHICH IS ALL NCC.

> JOSE R. PEREZ CHIEF

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICER** 

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR-	ACTION
	RECOMMENDATION
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY	Hele Juz
No. 189	MAR 26 2008

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

BY

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APPROVED (AS REVISED): BOARD OF SUPER JISORS

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